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SUBJECT: IAEA SAFEGUARDS AND INFCE

1. MISOFFS MET WITH IAEA OVERALL INFCE COORDINATOR SKJOELDEBRAND AND IAEA DEPARTMENT OF SAFEGUARDS/INFCE COORDINATOR BUECHLER TO DISCUSS THEIR PERCEPTION OF IAEA SAFEGUARDS DEPARTMENT ROLE IN INFCE WORKING GROUPS.

2. TO DATE ONLY SAFEGUARDS-RELATED WORK INITIATED IN INFCE IS IN WG-1, SUB-GROUP E (HEAVY WATER), FOR WHICH IAEA IS PREPARING STATEMENT ON SAFEGUARDING HEAVY WATER AND HEAVY WATER FACILITIES. SKJOELDEBRAND/BUECHLER VIEW IS BASICALLY THAT IAEA STAFF PARTICIPANTS SHOULD NOT RPT NOT INITIATE ANY CONSIDERATION OF SAFEGUARDS ISSUES AT WG MEETINGS, BUT RATHER RESPOND IF AND WHEN SUBJECT IS RAISED BY OTHER WG PARTICIPANTS. MISOFFS URGED SKJOELDEBRAND/BUECHLER TO TRY TO ANTICIPATE WG NEEDS IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SAFEGUARDS AREA, BOTH IN ORDER TO BE PREPARED WHEN ANTICIPATED ISSUES ARE RAISED AND TASKS ASSIGNED, AS WELL AS TO BE IN A POSITION TO INFLUENCE DIRECTION OF INFCE SAFEGUARDS AND NON-PROLIFERATION EVALUATION AND TO ASSURE UNIFORM APPROACH FOR VARIOUS WG'S.

3. BUECHLER SAID THAT WHILE AGENCY WOULD DO ITS BEST TO

SATISFY INFCE SAFEGUARDS EVALUATION REQUIREMENTS, HE WAS CONCERNED THAT SINCE IAEA SAFEGUARDS OBJECTIVES ARE NOT RPT NOT YET QUANTIFIED, IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR THE SECRETARIAT TO MAKE A QUANTIFIED EVALUATION AND COMPARISON OF SAFEGUARDS FEATURES OF ALTERNATIVE TECHNICAL APPROACHES. HE THOUGHT THAT QUALITATIVE EVALUATION WOULD BE ESSENTIALLY SUBJECTIVE AND WOULD THEREFORE HAVE LITTLE VALUE CONSIDERING WIDE RANGE OF VARIABLES INVOLVED. WHEN AND IF SAGSI OR SOME OTHER GROUP COMES UP WITH CLEAR QUANTIFIED IAEA SAFEGUARDS OBJECTIVES, THIS SITUATION WOULD IMPROVE.

4. BUECHLER ALSO OF VIEW THAT INFCE EVALUATION OF RELATIVE NON-PROLIFERATION RISK (AS OPPOSED TO SAFE-GUARDABILITY) ASSOCIATED WITH VARIOUS ALTERNATIVE APPROACHES WOULD INEVITABLY PROVE MORE POLITICAL THAN TECHNICAL, AND HE IS RELUCTANT FOR AGENCY TO BE INVOLVED. HE DECLARED THIS TO BE MINORITY VIEW WITHIN AGENCY.

5. MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION ON STATUS, COMPOSITION AND WORK OF U.S. SAFEGUARDS SUPPORT GROUP FOR INFCE. THAT GROUP MAY WISH TO CONSIDER PARAS 3-4 ABOVE AND SUGGEST SPECIFIC PREPARATORY WORK FOR IAEA IN AREA OF INFCE SAFEGUARDS. LABOWITZ

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